

# At the Foot of the Cross

## Scripture Reading

Two others, both criminals, were led out to be executed with him.

When they came to a place called The Skull, they nailed him to the cross.

And the criminals were also crucified— one on his right and one on his left.

Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.”

The crowd watched and the leaders scoffed.

“He saved others,” they said,

“let him save himself if he is really God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

The soldiers mocked him, too, by offering him a drink of sour wine.

They called out to him, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”

One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, “So you’re the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you’re at it!”

But the other criminal protested,

“Don’t you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die?

We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn’t done anything wrong.”

Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.”

And Jesus replied, “I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

By this time it was noon,

and darkness fell across the whole land until three o’clock.

The light from the sun was gone.

And suddenly, the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn down the middle.

Then Jesus shouted,

“Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!”

And with those words he breathed his last.

(Selected verses from Luke 23:32-46)



## Symbolic Action

*Hold the stone you picked up at Station 2 in your hands.*

**This stone has travelled with you on your journey today from the entrance to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to the cross of Good Friday. Take this stone with you from here as a reminder of this journey and as a sign of hope until we meet again on Easter Day. The day of resurrection and new beginning.**